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Chile: President Frei's Christian Democratic Party could make a sharp change in policy at a meeting to be held from 1 to 3 May.

Unlike Frei, a faction of the party believes its best hope is to obtain the cooperation of the Communists in the presidential election next year. The two emerging contenders for the party's presidential nomination are angling for Communist support and might promote a call for recognition of Cuba as a means to that end, even though the Communists are unlikely to back any Christian Democrat.

In addition, pressure is building for action against the US-based copper companies, and the party might decide to join in by calling for renegotiation of the copper agreements. Last week a Christian Democratic deputy from the group that usually supports Frei called for nationalization of the Anaconda operations.

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